



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

Committee Bill No. 595

LCO No. 4443



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT EQUALIZING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WHO AGE OUT OF SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of Social
2 Services shall administer an assistance program for children who
3 attain eighteen years of age while in the custody of a nonparent
4 relative who is a legal guardian. The assistance program shall provide
5 the same benefits as those received by children who attain eighteen
6 years of age while in the care and custody of the Department of
7 Children and Families.

8 (b) Such assistance shall be provided until the recipient attains
9 twenty-one years of age and shall include, but not be limited to, (1)
10 educational and vocational training and tuition support for those in
11 full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college
12 or a state-accredited job training program, (2) medical assistance for
13 those who meet eligibility guidelines established under Title XIX of the
14 Social Security Act and the Affordable Care Act, as amended from time
15 to time, (3) housing subsidies for those enrolled in an educational or
16 job training program as described in subdivision (1) of this subsection,

17 and (4) social, emotional and behavioral health support.

18 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
19 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and
20 Families, shall develop an application process for the assistance
21 program for nonparent, relative caregivers who are legal guardians of
22 children who will attain eighteen years of age within one year or who
23 have attained eighteen years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section
-----------	--------------	-------------

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that children raised by nonparent relatives who are legal guardians receive the same support as those under the supervision of the Department of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

S.B. 595